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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains a summary of the Budget Conference Committee's hearing on the State's cash flow situation, a pursuit of a County position on one bill related to the designation of a lead agency to oversee a Statewide 211 system, and the status of County-advocacy legislation.

Budget Conference Committee Update

The Sacramento Office monitored the Budget Conference Committee May 22, 2009 hearing on the State's cash flow crisis, and prepared the following report. Presentations were made by State Treasurer Bill Lockyer; State Controller John Chiang; Jason Dickerson of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO); and Ana Matosantos, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance (DOF). All agreed that the Legislature needs to bring revenues and expenditures into alignment and to take action before the end of June 2009, in order to give enough lead time for the Treasurer to go to the financial markets for short-term borrowing. California is projected to run out of cash by mid-July 2009, and will not be able to meet its financial obligations.

Mr. Dickerson predicted that California will have a zero cash cushion in July 2009, and that it is almost certain that billions of dollars in regularly scheduled State payments will be delayed. Payments to counties will be included among these likely deferrals, and the LAO anticipates that the total amount deferred will be much greater than the amount deferred last year.

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If the Legislature takes no action, the LAO estimates that the State will need to borrow \$22 billion in FY 2009-10 just to meet cash flow needs, and if the Governor's May Revision is adopted in its entirety, the LAO estimates that the State will still need cash flow borrowing of about \$15 billion.

In order to mitigate the State's cash flow crisis, the LAO recommended that the Legislature:

- Reduce short-term borrowing below \$10 billion by adopting a balanced budget and delaying payments to counties, service providers, school districts, and refunds to taxpayers;
- Provide local governments and school districts with increased flexibility to mitigate the effects of delayed payments; and
- Allow the Pooled Money Investment Board to "trigger off" payment delays if the State's cash situation allows.

The Department of Finance Chief Deputy Matasantos' remarks to the Conferees were relatively brief, confirming that the May Revision, as it stands today (prior to the modifications that will be submitted to the Legislature next week), will require \$14.5 billion in cash flow borrowing. She stressed that the DOF has been attempting to identify budget solutions that have significant cash flow benefits, and cited this as the reason that they did not propose suspending Proposition 42 transportation funding.

State Treasurer Bill Lockyer opened with the observation that California's average corporate-tax rate is 16.98 percent, which is slightly less than the national average rate of 16.99 percent. He also confirmed that the State will run out of cash in mid-July 2009, and that his office will need about three weeks of lead time after a "credible budget plan is adopted" before the short-term notes can be sold. Lockyer told the Conferees that California has the lowest credit rating of the 50 states, which will make short-term borrowing much more expensive. He suggested that the Budget solutions be mainly reductions in expenditures, although he did add that recent tax cuts also should be evaluated as to their effectiveness and need. However, he did not hold much hope for evaluation of the tax cuts "given the current political environment." He advised the Conferees to take all actions in public, and suggested across-the-board service reductions as the best way to demonstrate fairness, promote public confidence, and get the State fiscal house back on solid ground. He closed with the observation that the State "...should not expect any help from the Federal government."

State Controller John Chiang stated that California is facing the greatest fiscal crisis since the Great Depression. He projects that the State will face ongoing cash flow

problems throughout the year, especially in November and December when the cash shortage is expected to reach \$10.6 billion. Further, he anticipates that the actual cash shortage figures will be higher because the current projections assumed that the ballot measures would be approved by the voters. Controller Chiang told the Committee that his office would need until the end of next week to evaluate the cash flow numbers that DOF sent him yesterday.

Mr. Chiang indicated that California has over 1,000 Special Funds containing just over \$50 billion. However, he noted that only 710 of those funds can be used for internal borrowing. They contain \$19.7 billion and they have already been pledged to internal borrowing. The remaining funds, containing just over \$36 billion, are non-borrowable, and cannot be used to alleviate the State's cash flow. These funds are held in trust for various purposes, and he mentioned that a prime example of this type of fund is the Local Agency Investment Fund, which holds funds in trust for counties, schools, cities and special districts.

The Controller noted that July 12, 2007 was the last day that California was "cash positive." As for how much money California can borrow in 2009, Controller Chiang concurs with the LAO that the maximum amount should be \$10 billion or less. He projects the availability to borrow will be severely limited and the cost of borrowing will be significantly higher, largely because of the State's credit rating and the poor condition of the credit markets nationwide. The Controller stressed to the Conferees that while the projected budget shortfall is approximately \$24 billion, the State also has a \$40 billion cash deficit, which is the sum of the internal and external cash flow borrowing.

As reported in yesterday's Sacramento Update, the detailed May Revision will be released on May 26, 2009. It was previously scheduled to be issued on May 28, 2009. The Chair closed the hearing with an announcement that the details of the DOF's revisions to the May Revision will be discussed on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Drop in California Unemployment

On a slightly more positive note, the Employment Development Department (EDD) released the April 2009 unemployment figures, and they showed a month-to-month drop of two-tenths of 1 percent to 11 percent. The March 2009 unemployment rate was 11.2 percent, and the April 2008 rate was 6.6 percent. The comparable US unemployment rate was still climbing to an April rate of 8.9 percent. This is the lowest California unemployment rate in eight months, but the EDD release cautions that "...one month does not a trend make."

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 712 (Padilla), as amended on May 5, 2009, would designate the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) as the lead agency responsible for overseeing a Statewide 211 service network. Designation of a lead agency would make California eligible to receive Federal funding to help develop the 211 system Statewide under pending Federal legislation. SB 712 also authorizes CHHSA to delegate the lead agency function to another entity, which may be non-governmental.

A recent Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee analysis noted that the 211 line is similar to the 911 system; however, instead of seeking an emergency response, callers seek help with obtaining food, housing, health services, and other social services. The analysis further indicated that designation of a lead agency is required by pending Federal legislation, which would provide states with funding for the 211 system.

According to the Chief Executive Office/Service Integration Branch, SB 712 may serve as a vehicle to receive additional funding for service enhancement. Consistent with Board policy to support legislation that would support the establishment of Statewide standards for implementation and governance of 211 programs that provide community information and referral services, **the Sacramento advocates will support SB 712.**

SB 712 sponsored by 211 California and supported by several organizations including CSAC, the League of California Cities, United Way of California, the California Alliance of Information and Referral Services, Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara, and Family Service Agency of Sonoma County. There is no opposition on file. SB 712 was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 18, 2009, and placed on the Committee's suspense file.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 682 (Lowenthal), as amended on April 30, 2009, which would require the California Department of Social Services to evaluate implementation of provisions intended to combat fraud in the In-Home Supportive Services Program and to provide a report to the legislature with recommendations to strengthen those provisions, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on May 20, 2009, because of the potential cost to the State's General Fund.

County-supported SB 816 (Ducheny), as amended on April 28, 2009, which would expand the list of State and local agencies to which the Assessor is required to disclose information to include a county recorder when an investigation is being conducted to

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determine whether a Documentary Transfer Tax is due, passed the Senate on May 18, 2009, by a vote of 32 to 2, and now proceeds to the Assembly.

Master Bill List

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County-advocacy position is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Legislative Strategist
Local 721
Coalition of County Unions
California Contract Cities Association
Independent Cities Association
League of California Cities
City Managers Associations
Buddy Program Participants

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we are pursuing in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 12	Beall, Bass	Support in concept (Board Action: 3/17/09)	Would allow California to implement the State option to use Federal Title IV-E funds to extend foster care and Kin-GAP services to youth up to 21 years of age as provided under H.R. 6893, the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 23	Jones	No Position (State Update: 3/31/09)	NOW: Was amended on March 19, 2009, to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now proposes to require health plans, employers, and insurers to notify beneficiaries that H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enhanced the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) to provide Federal funds to pay 65 percent of the COBRA premium for eligible persons enrolled in a group health insurance plan who lose their job between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. Under current law, COBRA-eligible employees must pay the full amount of the premium to retain enrollment in a health care plan offered by a former employer.	Chapter 3 of 2009
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law, which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
AB 87	Davis	County-sponsored	Would prohibit a store from providing a single-use carryout bag, including a green carryout bag, to a customer unless the store charges a fee not less than \$0.25 at the point of sale and exempts certain customers from paying the fee. Would also establish the Bag Pollution Fund in the State Treasury and requires the manufacturer of a single-use carryout bag to develop educational materials to encourage reducing, reusing, and recycling of single-use bags.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 128	Coto	Opposed (State Update: 2/20/09)	Would extend the period after termination of employment that a retired public safety officer could file a workers' compensation claim for cancer and be entitled to a legal presumption that the cancer is job related. The presumption, which is currently three months for each year of service, would be extended to one year for each year of service. Existing law caps the presumption period at five years; AB 128 would remove this cap.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 139	Brownley	County-sponsored	Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement storm water fees upon voter approval, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 2006, to fund clean water programs.	Assembly Local Government
AB 215	Feuer, Smyth	Support (Board Action: 2/17/09)	Would require a long-term health care facility to post the overall facility rating information determined by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including the number of stars assigned to the facility out of a possible five stars. The overall Five Star Quality Rating is comprised of scores for health inspections, staffing, and how well the facility is caring for the physical and clinical needs of residents. The information would be required to be posted in an area accessible and visible to members of the public; the employee break room; and in common areas used by residents for dining, resident council meetings, or other activities.	Assembly Floor
AB 221	Portatino	Support (State Update: 5/11/09)	Would permit an HIV counselor to perform skin punctures for the purpose of drawing blood for HIV testing, when authorized by a licensed physician, if the counselor: 1) works under the direction of a licensed physician; and 2) has been trained in accordance with the requirements established by SDPH by a licensed physician, clinical laboratory scientist, or bioanalyst. AB 221 would exempt an HIV counselor from the requirement that an unlicensed person performing skin punctures must be a certified Limited Phlebotomy Technician (LPT)	Senate Desk
AB 286	Salas, Jones	Support (State Update: 4/21/09)	Would extend until 2018 the authority for counties to impose an additional \$1.00 vehicle registration fee to be used for anti-vehicle theft programs. It also would add additional reporting requirements for those counties that adopt a resolution to impose the fee. Counties would be required to provide details of expenditures, including salaries and expenses, purchase of equipment and supplies, and any other expenditures to support the program.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 311	Ma	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would extend the current assessment methodology for the valuation of certificated aircraft for property tax purposes from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2015. The current methodology was established by AB 964 of 2005 (Chapter 699). AB 964 codified an agreement between county assessors and the airline industry on the valuation of certificated aircraft. It established the Centralized Fleet Calculation Program, which ensured a uniform Statewide assessment of certificated aircraft by designating a lead county to calculate an airline's fleet value based on an agreed upon methodology.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 383	Lieu	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would extend the statute of limitations for the testing of biological evidence in sex crime cases from two years to five years from the date of the offense.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 410	De La Torre	Support and amend to appropriate a minimum of \$20 million Statewide for the preparation of the salt and nutrient management plans. (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) allocate \$5 million of the \$100 million available for multi-regional water needs from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board; 2) set a Statewide goal to recycle a total of 1.3 million acre-feet of water annually by the year 2020, and 2 million acre-feet of water per year by 2030; and 3) require DWR to assess progress toward meeting the recycled water goal every five years based on information provided in urban water management plans.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 421	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would make California law consistent with Federal law to allow counties to place children served by the AB 3632 Program in out-of-state group homes that are operated as for-profit entities and receive payment for these placements.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 521	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize a public utility to lease real property, acquired to obtain a utility right-of-way, to a governmental entity to maintain a public park, with the public utility retaining a right-of-way easement.	Senate Energy and Utilities
AB 613	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/23/09)	Would improve and streamline the Treatment Authorization Request process, which refers to the approval by a State Department of Health Care Services consultant required prior to the rendering of Medi-Cal Program services, based on a determination of medical necessity and Medi-Cal Program coverage.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 664	Skinner	Oppose (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would expand the presumption of job-related injury to cover all hospital employees for blood-borne infectious disease, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and all neck and back injuries. This presumption would exist if the impairment develops or manifests itself during the period of employment with the hospital.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 682	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would instruct the State Department of Health Care Services to dedicate an unspecified number of State staff to evaluate State and County implementation of In-Home Supportive Services Program quality assurance and fraud mitigation requirements in existing law, as well as to assess the extent and nature of the fraud currently detected.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 719	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/1/09)	Would require the California Department of Social Services to create the Transitional Food Stamps for Foster Youth Program by July 1, 2010. Under AB 719, foster youth who are not eligible for CalWORKs or Supplemental Security Income would be automatically eligible to a 12-month Transitional Food Stamp benefits when they leave foster care. These youth would be exempt from any quarterly or semi-annual reporting requirements and from the fingerprint requirement during the 12-month Transitional Food Stamp certification period. The Department of Public Social Services would be responsible for administering the program.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1048	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would: 1) raise the age at which a minor child can be surrendered from 72 hours or younger, to 30 days; 2) allow a local fire agency to designate safe surrender sites with the approval of the local governing body of the agency; 3) specify that persons at a safe surrender site have no liability prior to taking physical custody of a child; 4) require the California Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop and disseminate regulations to clarify rules with respect to a mother who gives up her baby in a hospital, the definition of a safely surrendered baby, and parental information provided to, and received by counties; and 5) fund activities required by AB 1048 using State Children's Trust Fund and California Children and Families Proposition 10 Commission Funds.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 1139	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/24/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding the State Enterprise Zone Program, including: 1) eliminating retroactive tax credit vouchering; 2) canceling the use of the Targeted Employment Area and Targeted Tax Area residency as an employee eligibility criteria; 3) requiring the eligible employee to work a minimum of 35 hours per week and be provided with at least 80 percent of specified health care coverage by the employer; and 4) adding annual reporting requirements for Enterprise Zone businesses.	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
AB 1141	Calderon	Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2017; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) redefining reusable bags to include lighter weight plastic carryout bags; and 4) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay a single-use bag extended producer responsibility fee, in an undetermined amount, for each single-use carryout bag it sells to a store.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1187	Huffman, Caballero	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10.035 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, and require the establishment and imposition of a fee on water users.	Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife
AB 1409	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would revise the provision in existing law, which authorizes work on county highways to be done by purchasing the material and having the work done by force account (county employees) or by day labor, to require a county to solicit bids for the project. If a board of supervisors passes a resolution with a finding that either no bids were received or all of the bids exceeded the cost of having the work performed by force account or day labor, then a county may use its employees or day labor.	Assembly Floor
AB 1445	Chesbro	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize Medi-Cal reimbursement for a maximum of two visits for one patient on the same day. It would ensure payment for individuals who visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), and are referred for an appointment with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist or dental hygienist. FQHCs and RHCs are providers in medically underserved areas entitled to receive enhanced reimbursements under Federal Medicaid and Medicare statutes.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AJR 9	J. Pérez	Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Would urge the Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation that would provide for a three-year extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, from its current sunset on September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2012.	Senate Health
SB 16	Alan Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would: 1) make the State's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) refundable for low-income housing projects that have received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC on or after July 1, 2008 and before January 1, 2011; and 2) extend the allocation of tax credits to partners regardless of their percentage interest in a project which received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC during calendar year 2008.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 23	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 3/24/09)	Would require the operator of a mobile home park or manufactured housing community to develop and implement an emergency and fire safety plan, and provide appropriate emergency services training for park or community managers and on-site staff. The bill also would require the plan to be posted in manner accessible to all residents and to distribute copies to each resident upon approval of tenancy and annually thereafter.	Senate Appropriations
SB 29	Denham	Oppose (State Update: 2/27/09)	Would: 1) require the California Science Center to sell the parcel of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena (Sports Arena) occupy, and the State's share of the Sports Arena structure; 2) rescind the agreement that established the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission; and 3) upon the completion of the sale, terminate the Joint Powers Authority among the County, City of Los Angeles, and the California Science Center.	Senate Governmental Organization
SB 93	Kehoe	Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Would require that before a redevelopment agency can pay for public works either inside or outside a project area, the agency's legislative body must make new findings of blight in a project area to spend money on a public facility inside the project area and certify that the public facility would remove blight. SB 93 would strengthen the provisions of current redevelopment law by adding further restrictions to the manner in which a redevelopment agency can spend diverted taxes.	Senate Floor
SB 113	Senate Local Gov Omnibus	One County-sponsored provision included (State Update: 4/10/09)	SB 113 is the Senate Local Government Omnibus bill, which contains one provision supported by the County: The provision would authorize a County Board of Supervisors to form a School Facilities Improvement District in an individual school district.	Assembly Floor

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SB 114	Liu	Support (State Update: 3/27/09)	Would create a simplified process to allow former foster youth to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility until age 21.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 152	Cox	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) to send a reimbursement claim to the State Controller's Office within 90 days after the receipt of a reimbursement claim from any fee-for-service county contractor for mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The 90-day timeframe would not apply to claims in the SDMH's dispute resolution process or to claims that have been returned for additional information or necessary changes.	Assembly Health
SB 179	Runner	County-sponsored	<p>NOW: Was amended to delete language which would allow the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order.</p> <p>PREVIOUSLY: Would streamline the appeals process for Termination of Parental Rights and promote the placement of children in adoptive homes by: 1) reducing the time period for a birth parent to file an appeal from 60 days to 30 days when the Juvenile Court orders the Termination of Parental Rights; 2) modifying the current process of serving the Termination of Parental Rights to birth parents by allowing the notice of termination and appeal rights documents to be served directly to the birth parents if they are present in court when the order is made; and 3) allowing the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order is issued.</p>	Assembly Desk
SB 282	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the five-year limitation on criminal gang injunctions (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would authorize a gang nuisance injunction issued under the Penal or Civil Code to be in effect for no longer than five years	Assembly Desk
SB 301	Florez	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Water Supply Reliability and Ecosystem Recovery Restoration Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and ecosystem recovery and restoration programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water

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SB 337	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 22, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now relates to the reporting requirements by a clinic, health facility, home health agency, or licensed hospice provider when law enforcement is investigating unlawful access to medical records.	Senate Appropriations
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	
SB 371	Cogdill	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.98 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 456	Wolk	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.805 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water

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SB 531	DeSaulnier	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09) Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete existing objectionable provisions of the bill and instead provide guidance to plastic bag manufacturers on the development of educational materials for plastic carryout bags. PREVIOUSLY: Would have made various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2018; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay the State one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) for each plastic carryout bag supplied to large supermarkets with a minimum annual gross of \$2 million and retail stores with a minimum of 10,000 square feet with a pharmacy; and 4) requiring the fees collected to be used for litter abatement activities.	Senate Appropriations
SB 696	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the Southern California Air Quality Management District. (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would: 1) overturn the Natural Resources Defense Council v. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) court decision; 2) exempt three SCAQMD rules from CEQA, if specified conditions are met; and 3) require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to perform a needs assessment for a thermal power plant proposed to be located in the SCAQMD.	Senate Energy Utilities and Communications
SB 698	Negrete McLeod	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would change the allocation formula for juvenile court schools from the Average Daily Attendance to an enrollment-based model. Under the proposed daily enrollment model, the funding allocation would be based on a daily count of wards of the court in placement at a facility with a juvenile court school.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 735	Steinberg	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.785 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance a water supply reliability and water source protection program and authorize the Department of Water Resources to impose fees on water users.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 773	Florez, Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would increase the permanent partial disability benefits for workers injured on or after January 1, 2010, by revising the formula for computing payments for those permanently injured.	Senate Floor

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SB 797	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would prohibit the commercial manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup, or any liquid, food, or beverage in a can or jar, containing Bisphenol-A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion, of the product is intended primarily for children three years of age or younger.	Senate Floor
SB 815	Cogdill	Support (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would establish the California National Guard Education Assistance Program, for qualifying members who have served for at least two years.	Senate Appropriations
SB 816	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) expand the list of State and local agencies to which an assessor is required to disclose information to include a county recorder when an investigation is being conducted to determine whether a documentary transfer tax is due; 2) allow a county board of supervisors to include an administrative appeals process for resolution of disputes related to the documentary transfer tax in an ordinance imposing such a tax; 3) require corporations or other legal entities to file a change in ownership statement within 45 days from the earlier of the date of the change in ownership or the date of a written request by the State Board of Equalization, or be faced with a penalty; and 4) eliminate the State Board of Equalization's existing authority to waive penalties.	Senate Floor
SBX3 24	Alquist	Support (State Update: 3/18/09)	Would suspend existing State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age and temporarily reinstate 12-month continuous eligibility. This change is necessary to ensure that the State receives funding from the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The FMAP increase is available until December 31, 2010. The suspension of the semi-annual reporting requirement would remain in effect until the Director of the California Department of Health Care Services declares that increased FMAP funds are no longer available. Upon the declaration, semi-annual reporting would resume until July 1, 2012, and the current sunset date to repeal this requirement would be extended from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013, unless a later statute is enacted to delete or extend that date.	Chapter 24 of 2009

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SBX3 26	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 5/11/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions.	Senate Rules
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	